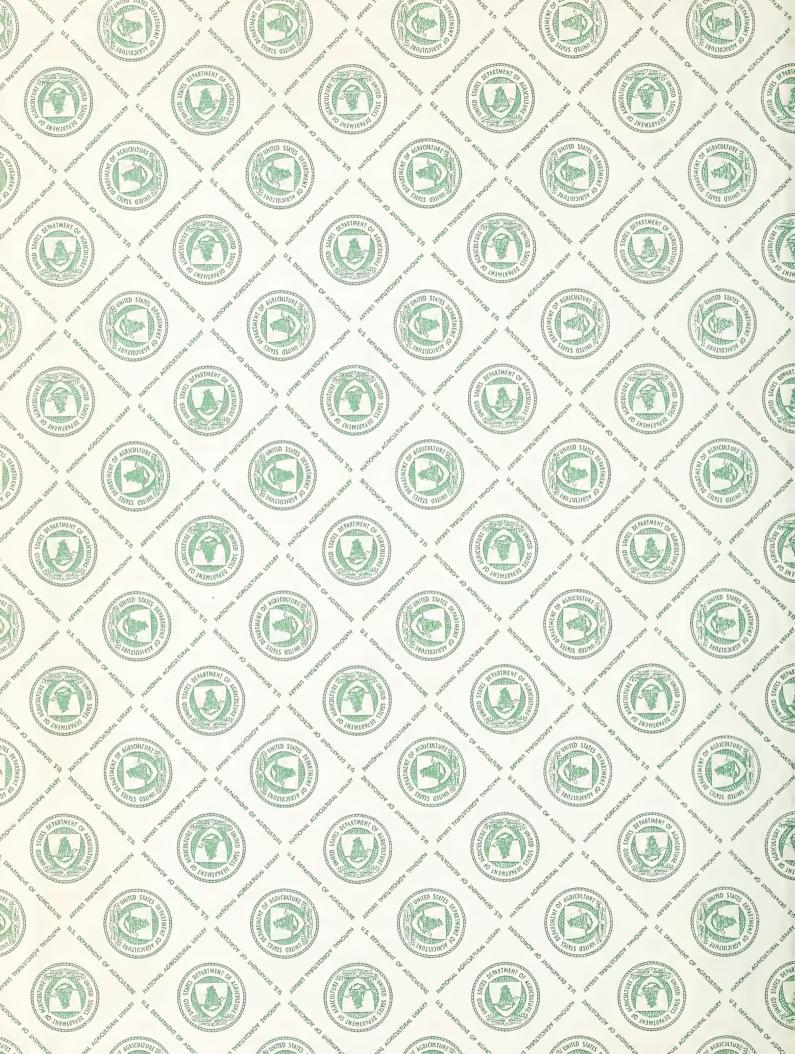
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

and
FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

for

UTAH

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, and
STATE ENGINEER of UTAH

In cooperation with U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Utah Fish and Game Dept., Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey; and other Federal, State, and private organizations.

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To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 4170, Portland 8, Oregon.

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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK as of

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\* A record or near record low snowpack for January 1, now lies \* on all watersheds of Utah. Most new records are in the north-\* ern half of the state, which has not experienced as many \* severe droughts in the last dozen years as southern Utah. The \* snowpack is 23% of average for the state as a whole. Soil \* moisture is generally below average. Forecasts of next sum- \* mer's streamflow now range between 40% and 65% of average for \* most streams.

With the snowpack in Utah's mountains ranging from a low of 4% of average on the American Fork river to a high of 54% on Salina Creek, the 1963 water supply outlook is certainly not for a "Bright New Year". The snowpack on most watersheds varies between 15% and 30% of average.

Of the 57 snow courses measured this month, 26 set new record low readings, with most of the remaining courses at or near their previous lows.

If the present drought trend breaks, so that we start getting normal snowfall again, by the first of April the snowpack will have built up until it will be about 55% to 65% of average on the low and intermediate elevation watersheds. Examples of such watersheds are the Little Bear river in Cache Valley, the Strawberry reservoir, the Strawberry, Spanish Fork and American Fork rivers. On the higher elevation watersheds the snowpack will be about 65% to 75%. Included among these are the Logan river, the Weber river above Oakley, the main Uintah Basin streams(excluding the Strawberry river), the tributaries of the San Pitch and San Rafael rivers.

Because of the extended periods of dry weather experienced last summer and fall, soil moisture underneath the snowpack is generally below average. This means that a greater than normal amount of snow water will be required to prime the soil next spring before runoff begins.

Combining snowpack and soil moisture conditions to determine how much water can be expected in the streams next summer, we find forecasts varying from a low 30% of average on the Bear river at Woodruff and Hobble Creek near Springville, to a high of 74% on the East Fork Sevier river. Most forecasts range between 40% and 65%. These forecasts assume that we will have average snowfall and rain for the rest of the winter and spring months.

In northern Utah the forecasts are for about the same runoff as was experienced in 1960. The outlook is poorer than this for the streams coming from the mountains near Castledale, Ferron and the Mt. Pleasant to Mayfield areas. Here, streams are expected to yield essentially the same water they did two years ago, in 1961.



Examples of forecasts for various areas of the state are as follows: In Cache Valley the Logan river is forecast at 63%, the Blacksmith Fork river at 46%. Moving southward, inflow to Pineview reservoir is expected to be 50%, Chalk Creek at Coalville - 36%, Weber at Oakley - 67%. Near Salt Lake, the Cottonwood Creeks are forecast at 70%, while expected inflow to Utah Lake is 54%, inflow to Strawberry reservoir - 36% and the Provo River at Vivian Park - 47%.

In the Uintah Basin, the Strawberry river is expected to flow at 38%, while the remaining streams are forecast at 60% to 70%. Inflow to Scofield reservoir on the Price river, the tributaries of the San Pitch and San Rafael rivers are all forecast at 40% to 55%.

In southern Utah, forecasts range between 50% and 65% for the streams heading near Cedar Breaks(Sevier, Virgin and smaller streams), as well as the Beaver river, Clear Creek near Sevier and inflow to the Sevier river between Kingston and Vermillion Dam.

While total water stored in the state's reservoirs is 158% of last year at this time, it is only 73% of average. As shown on the reservoir storage page, carryover water supplies compare favorably with average on the Weber-Ogden river system, in Deer Creek, Moon Lake and Scofield reservoirs. It is particularly poor in Sevier Bridge(16% of average) and in Strawberry reservoir(37%).

Since in the average year there is still 60% to 65% of the snowpack yet to come, the water outlook can change considerably - either up or down - as the season progresses. However, because of the present extremely light snowpack, if the irrigation season is to begin with an average water supply outlook, snowfall for the next three months will have to be from about 150% to 165% of average.



BASIN or STREAM	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (FIRST OF MONTH)				
		CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE		

## GREAT BASIN

Bear River	Bear Lake Woodruff Narrows	1421.0 26.5	717.3 12.4	479.5	806.4			
Little Bear	Hyrum	15.3	6.9	7.4	9.8			
<u>Ogden</u>	Pineview	110.0	53.0	10.6	7.2			
Weber	Rockport Echo East Canyon	59.1 73.9 28.7	24.3	10.6 12.5 2.0	26.3 14.1			
Provo	Deer Creek	149.7	120.7	49.0	84.8			
Spanish Fork	Strawberry	270.0	47.3	16.2	128.6			
Utah Lake	Utah Lake (b)	1149.0	205.7	161.8	516.7			
Sevier River	Otter Creek Piute Sevier Bridge		14.6 17.6 18.8	12.0 14.1 25.2				
Beaver River	Roaky Ford	23.3	5.7	5.3	11.9			
COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lake Fork	Moon Lake	35.8	12.5(c)	20.3	10.6			
Price River	Scofield	65.8	16.9	1.3	13.7			

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RIVER BASIN or TRIBUTARY WATERSHED	NO. of COURSES	THIS YEARS SNOW WATER EXPRESSED AS PERCENT OF :			
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# GREAT BASIN

Smith's Fork - Bear River	2	23	32
Logan River	3	12	17
Ogden River	$-\tilde{L}_{4}$		16
Weber River above Echo Dam	6	18	22
East Canyon Creek	3	34	35
Farmington Creek	2	18	29
Salt Lake Area	4	26	27
Tooele Area	1	23	28
American Fork River	3	3	4
Provo River above Vivian Park	7	12	14
Strawberry Reservoir Valley	3	2	5
Payson Creek	2	29	40
Sevier River above Hatch	3	16	12
East Fork Sevier River	3	45	41
Clear Creek above Sevier	1	40	28
Salina Creek	2	48	54
San Pitch River	4	14	18
Coal Creek-Cedar City	3	21	19

# COLORADO RIVER BASIN

Duchesne-Strawberry Rivers	6	8	10
Whiterocks - Uintah Rivers	3	13	15
Price River	6	10	12
San Rafael River	2	16	20
Escalante River	3	45	41
Virgin River	1,	16	13



GREAT BASIN DRAINAGE							
UPPER BEAR RIVER (Above Harer, Idaho)							
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LOWER BEAR RIVER (Below Harer, Idaho)							
Garden City Summit Klondike Narrows Tony Grove R. S.	11H7 11H1 11H3	7600 7400 6250	12/28 12/28 12/28	12 6 2	2.5 1.4 0.2	11.8 10.2 7.5	7.5% 7.2% 4.8%
OGDEN RIVER							
Beaver Creek-Skunk Crk. Ben Lomond Peak Ben Lomond(lower) Ben Lomond Trail Cutler Creek Dry Bread Pond Sagebrush Flat	11H14 11H8 11H9 11H30 11H29 11H13 11H15	7150 8000 5850 6000 6780 8230 6300	12/27 12/27 12/27 12/27 12/27 12/27 12/27	4 12 1 1 7 11 Trace	0.8 2.3 0.1 0.1 1.5 2.4 Trace		5.5* 13.5 5.8* Course Course 8.0*
WEBER RIVER							
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PROVO RIVER & UTAH LAKE							
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CURRENT INFORMATION

SNOW DEPTH

DATE OF

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WATER CONTENT (Inches)

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Urie Flat

Webster Flat x

DRAINAGE BASIN ond SNOW

COURSE

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9200

12/27

12/27

12M10

12M3

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8

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1.1

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1.8%

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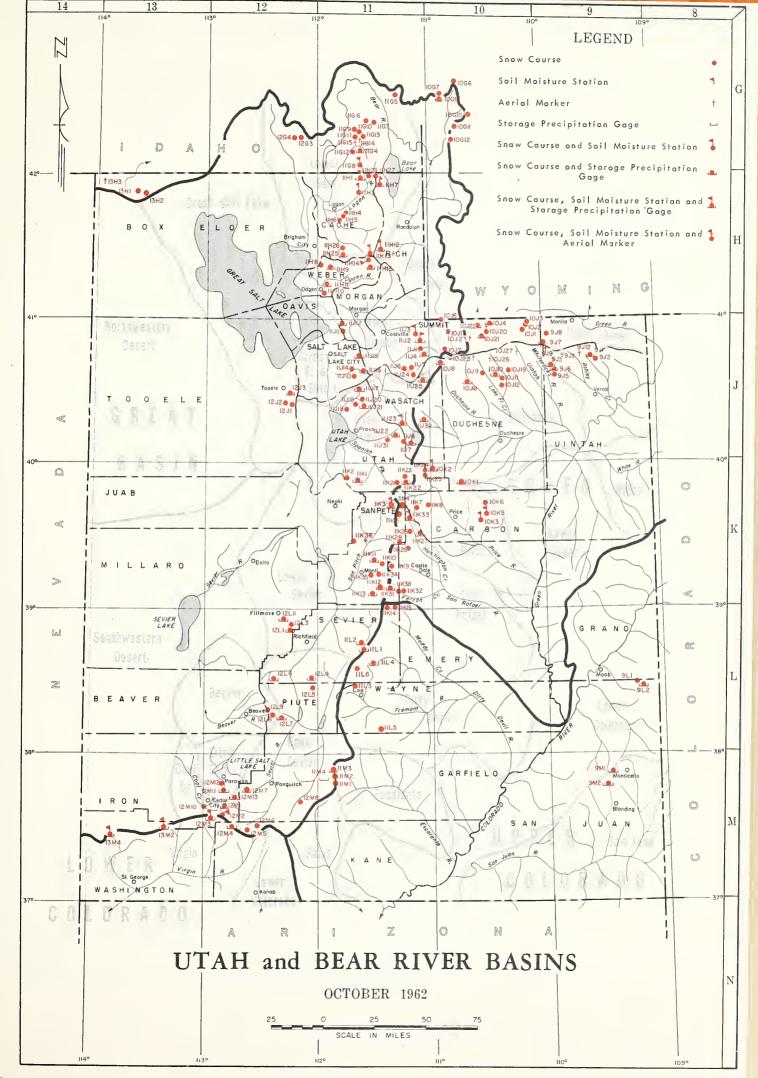
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- U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau
- U.S. Department of Interior
  Bureau of Reclamation
  Geological Survey
  National Park Service

### STATE AGENCIES

Utah Agricultural Experiment Station
Utah Fish and Game Department
Utah State Engineer
Little Bear River Commissioner
Price River Commissioner
Provo River Commissioner
Sevier River Commissioner
Spanish Fork River Commissioner
Utah Water and Power Board

### MUNICIPALITIES

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Board of Canal Presidents - Jordan River
Emery Canal and Reservoir Company
Moon Lake Water Users Association
Ogden River Water Users Association
Provo River Water Users Association
Strawberry Water Users Association
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